Please ADD the following NEW claims:

9. (NEW) The home-delivery server according to claim 6, further comprising means for informing the receiver of a message at a timing before the day and time designated by the receiver, the message being for inviting the receiver to receive the parcel.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to further prosecution of this application by placing same in better form, including eliminating all multiple-dependencies from the claims.

Accordingly, entry of the Preliminary Amendment and favorable examination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

STAAS & HALSEY LLP

By:

H. J. Staas

Registration No. 22,010

700 Eleventh Street, N.W. Suite 500 Washington, D.C. 20001 Telephone: (202) 434-1500 Facsimile: (202) 434-1501

Date: February 8, 2001